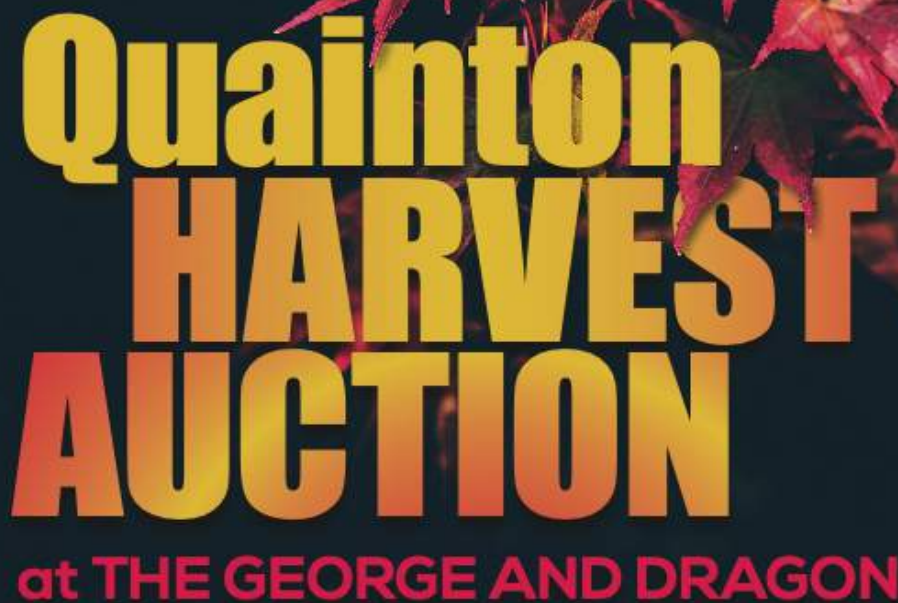


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## Quainton HARVEST AUCTION

at THE GEORGE AND DRAGON

### Annual Harvest Auction

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.32pm

This annual event, held at The George & Dragon, is the night when we raise hundreds of pounds for all the clubs, groups, societies and charities in the village! Read all about how you can get involved on p.5.

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# Welcome from Holy Cross & St Mary's Church



Dear friends,

Grand Designs is a TV programme fronted by Kevin McCloud who now has well over 200 episodes under his belt since it was launched back in April 1999. It features interesting and often quite elaborate home building projects that capture the imagination, drawing the viewer in to the personal challenges and often disrupted plans of the property owners.

When I was a teenager, one of my passions was architecture and I think if a building project is always I hadn't gone into the church I would have become an architect. Planning move towards its stated objectives.

Have you ever wondered if there is a "grand design" unfolding in terms of the future of our planet, or perhaps it's just fate that the world seems to be sliding into chaos!

The Book of Revelation, the last book in the Bible, seems to suggest that our planet is heading towards an "end-game" when God will finally say, "enough is enough" and bring an end to the mess humanity has made on earth. Students of biblical prophecy would say that there are hundreds of prophecies in the Bible as a whole, that point to this "end-game." They make interesting reading, because so much that is happening in our world today was predicted in the Bible hundreds of years ago.

Are we heading for Armageddon? And I don't mean the 1998 science fiction disaster movie starring Bruce Willis and Ben Affleck in which a gigantic asteroid is on a collision course with earth. Don't worry, they managed to save the planet!

The real place known as Armageddon is located slap bang in the middle of three continents – Africa, Asia and Europe and known as the Valley of Megiddo, where, according the Book of Revelation the armies of the world will converge in a last great battle – perhaps a Third World War. The Valley has always been a strategic location in the geopolitics of the Middle East and was close to the epic battle between Elijah, God's fearless prophet, and the gods of Baal at Mount Carmel.

Back in the 70's, seismologists, carrying out surveys on and around the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem, discovered a natural fault running East to West through the mountain. The prophet Zechariah, writing hundreds of years before Christ predicts the second coming of Christ in these terms: "On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south." He didn't use a seismograph!

A Grand Design? The plot thickens!

Blessings, Rev Steve

Reverend Steve Flashman, Vicar

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## Welcome to the October 2021 issue



Hello everyone,

A bumper issue this month, with lots of events planned. Fingers crossed things continue to improve and we can start to enjoy a more sociable life in our wonderfully active village! I know everyone is so desperate for things to go back to normal – if we can even remember what normal is! I look forward to seeing you out and about around the village very soon.

Stay safe everyone and enjoy the read,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Louisa".

*Louisa Richards, Editor*

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## News From Our Church:

- A new **Alpha Course** is starting on 7<sup>th</sup> October at the George & Dragon at 6pm – we will have a meal together and watch a video - more details on p.23
- **Breakfast at The George & Dragon.** The first one will be at 8.30am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at The George. Guest speaker, our very own, Ewart Watson on his escapades in the police force, p.23.
- **Community Choir.** Fridays at 10am at Quainton Memorial Hall, and at 7.30pm on Wednesdays at Waddesdon Methodist Hall.
- **Bereavement Group** meeting at The Rectory, 27 Church Street – led by me initially – a time of mutual support and encouragement for all who have lost loved ones. Starting in the Autumn.
- **Parade Service:** Our uniformed organisations will be involved as part of our Sunday Morning service programme in the Autumn. The children and young people will take a large part of the service and parents will be invited to support them.
- **Harvest Festival on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm, p9.**
- **Praise & Worship Service, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm, p.13**

Contact Steve for further info on any of the above:

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## HARVEST AUCTION

FRIDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2021

It hasn't actually been an annual event recently but on the basis that Covid guidelines are not changed, Darren and George and their team have offered to host this village fundraising event in the George & Dragon. Please make a note of the date now so as not to double book yourselves and ignore any other plans you may have for that evening.

We hope all those businesses, societies and groups etc. who have been so loyal in their support for so many years will continue with the help.

All those individuals whom we rely on as well, please start to think of items we will be able to auction on the night, such as home-cooked cakes and biscuits, vegetables, and homemade wines, so even if you cannot attend on the night, we can

raise money for a village organisation you would like to support.

**Please remember we like to support those who support us, however they do that.**

Over **£35,000** has been distributed over the years to at least 25 village organisations. My records only go back to 1993 so the true total is anyone's guess! We raised £306 in 1993, and got to over £1,000 by 2000.

**We start promptly, as tradition dictates, at 8.32pm or thereabouts**



**Quainton  
HARVEST  
AUCTION**

**at THE GEORGE AND DRAGON**

**on Friday 22nd October  
at 8.32 pm**

**Donations of produce etc. will be gratefully received  
and may be taken to the George and Dragon at any  
time on Friday.**

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# Quainton Senior Citizen’s Christmas Party 2021

We are delighted to once again hold the annual Christmas Party which this year will be on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at Quainton Memorial hall. We have decided to change the format somewhat this year, to an Afternoon Tea with entertainment, and of course, Father Christmas! Doors open at 1.30pm for a 2pm start, finishing at 4.30pm.

If you would like to join us, please complete the slip below and hand it in to either the Village Shop or the Coffee Shop, no later than Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021. (Unfortunately, we cannot accept any late slips or telephone calls this year.)

We would be grateful for any volunteers that would be able to help on the day for approximately an hour, to serve the food. If you can help, please phone 658403 or email: [lindachapple@talktalk.net](mailto:lindachapple@talktalk.net)

We look forward to seeing you on the 11<sup>th</sup> December.

Senior Citizen’s Christmas Party committee



I/We will be attending the Christmas Party

Name/s: .....

Address: .....

Tel: .....

Dietary requirements, if any: .....

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## Quainton Support Network

The team of volunteers is still here to help. Prescriptions can be delivered to the Village Store (Waddesdon surgery) and for those 60+ residents’ prescriptions are delivered (Whitchurch surgery) but if you have an emergency prescription, volunteers can collect from the surgery for you. Lifts can be arranged, particularly as the bus service is still limited by the bridge weight limit. If you have a hospital/dental appointment etc and need a lift please call.

Please note that although this group was set up in response to the effects Covid-19 had on our community, anyone in need of help can contact the group – requests do not have to be covid related.  
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## Quainton PC Bonfire & Fireworks Night

### Returns with a Whizz, Pop and Bang!

\*\*\* Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November \*\*\* 6pm on The Green \*\*\* Tickets £5 per head, under 5s free \*\*\*

After the stormy 'loss-making' night of 2019 and obvious cancellation in 2020, we're so happy to be back, and this year we have something very special indeed! We welcome Illusion Fireworks, who are the British Firework Champions and British Musical Firework Champions! Before the fireworks dance into the Quainton sky, we'll have the traditional village green bonfire. To put the event back on its feet and make it a continued success, we really need you all to set the date and come along on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Ticket prices will be £5 per person, with under 5s free. As usual, there are food stalls, including the usual BBQ raising money for the Sports Club, and Rocket Fuel beer and mulled wine, proceeds of which will go towards the school PTA.

**We can't run this event on our own, so if you are interested in helping out on the night, please let us know! All help is gratefully received.**

Email us: [quainton.bonfire.fireworks@gmail.com](mailto:quainton.bonfire.fireworks@gmail.com)

The poster features a large, stylized sun or moon in shades of orange and yellow at the top, with several birds in flight. Below the sun, the text 'A Special PRAISE And WORSHIP Service' is written in a mix of fonts, with 'PRAISE' and 'WORSHIP' in large, bold, orange capital letters. The background of the lower half of the poster is a solid dark red color.

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*Service*

*Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord, praise his name;  
proclaim his salvation day after day.*

*Psalms 96*

**Sunday 10th October, 6.00pm**



# Quainton Parish Council

Chairman: John Knox. Councillors Nick Butler, Michelle Robinson-Boyce, Nicolette Smith, Sue Weldon, Lee Whitlock  
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## The Chairman Reports:

Time passes quickly and while revelling in a holiday from writing this column, the Editor calls to remind me the holiday is over and this latest piece is overdue.

**Clerk:** Last time I wrote that we had a new clerk starting. Unfortunately, this only lasted for 23 days when the clerk resigned for personal reasons and I am back in an acting role. I can be reached at the above phone number or email. See notice board on p.39 for job description.

**Crime:** Last time the lead item was about a number of vehicle thefts; this time there is concern in Station Rd about a hooded youth seen twice who ran away when approached and somebody discovered in a bedroom. In all these cases they should be reported to the police.

Depending on its nature you cannot always expect a police response but each report can form part of a pattern that determines how they allocate scarce resources including driving through the village at various times.

This was explained by PCSO Danny Fahy who attended the last PC meeting. He also mentioned the successful use of wildlife cameras in Waddesdon and suggested they could be used around the sports sites.

**Berryfields traffic lights:** The CCTV has not demonstrated a need for lights and nor have there been any complaints since the lights removal as traffic has flowed normally. I wish officials would have listened to the common sense of residents who actually use these roads. The CCTV will be moved to the Waddesdon crossroads to see if lights are needed there. However other than for the Christmas lights I do not expect them to be permanent. At a recent meeting A Buckingham councillor asked why there was so many delays on the A41. I was able to enlighten him including the superb timing of extending the bus lane into Aylesbury and removal of the roundabout by TFB

**HGVs:** The closure on Station Road and the weight-limited bridge means there are an increasing number of HGVs coming through the village or down Station Road. The vast majority are for the 151 Station Road housing development and some even retain their HS2 or EWR boards to confuse you. The latter has been raised with HS2/EKFB as it embarrasses them also.

It is important to understand that the weight limit on the bridge prevents there being any other means of access to that site. I am trying to get the signs blocking the Station Road junction as the increased traffic increases the risk of an accident

I was recently asked for directions from Lower Street to Oaktree Farm by a large low loader. I told him he needed to turn round and given who he was speaking to made the fatal mistake of saying he wanted the HS2 depot there. I asked him where his board was and that he should not be in the village. He did not return.

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**Buses:** The weight limit has long been obeyed by the 16 service and ignored by the school buses. New term and new contractor caused chaos as they avoided the bridge and Station Rd.

Courtesy of Iain MacPherson there will be a site meeting in the last week of September to investigate the use of the turning circle to restore buses to Station Rd. I tried this last year without success so fingers crossed.

**Recreation:** A number of things have taken place or are about to happen. This involves the cleaning and painting of the playpark equipment and the first tree has been planted in the community orchard in the Sports Field and Wildlife Meadow.

**Planning:** A plan to place an office/shed in the front garden at the corner of Lower Street was opposed because of the setting amongst listed properties, that it would be unduly prominent in this busy and central point in the conservation area and would require the removal of the hedge required in the original 2004 planning permission

**HS2:** Since I last wrote I have been able to meet the HS2 Minister and a director of EKFB. The meeting was arranged by Greg Smith MP. I left the minister with a long briefing paper on a number of issues but given the time limit I concentrated on the new road, which, at the time of the meeting, had been changed to only have the angled junction and the spur to the railway centre opposite the 151 development had been eliminated. I raised concerns about the speed of vehicles joining the existing road – speed limits do not work without regular enforcement. Instead, I proposed that the only junction should be the reinstated spur. This would force vehicles to brake and maximise the number of houses that would not have traffic to the Railway Centre passing them. It would also enable the bus stop to be retained on the residential part near the bridge and also be near the new 40 houses.

There was a subsequent meeting with the EKFB director and he is drawing up plans for this change. I also asked him to reinstate the straight-on link for Quainton Rd to and from Waddesdon. Bucks Highways had changed this to a southward dog-leg to join at the new road's inception nearer to the A41. They felt the dystopian landscape left by HS2 would be more enjoyable and rural. I also got a number of answers at our next liaison meeting with EKFB/Fusion; many had become relevant with time but I had been asking continually about work at Finemere Wood. The substation will now have an access road constructed across the field so walkers do not conflict with HGV's on the footpath.

Now take a deep breath, the hedges have been removed – not for construction purposes – but to ensure they have taken seriously their legal obligation to find and safely remove all the Gt Crested Newts. The hedge has been cut down to a few mm in the belief it will grow again!

Finally, I have just learnt that Bucks Highways is negotiating a package of six major repairs to be funded by HS2 where they have been the cause of substantial damage. Three of these will be in Quainton. It is not confirmed yet so I will not mention the roads which are all outside the village but as ever I remain hopeful.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the Memorial Hall Meeting Room.



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## Quainton Monthly Dog Walk – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> October, Sun 7<sup>th</sup> November

We meet at 1pm at the top of The Green on the first Sunday of each month. Please do join us if you would like to enjoy a walk over the hill. (Dogs are not obligatory!) *Jan Stiegeler*

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*Quainton Church*

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## Quainton School PTA:



### Bonfire Night Lantern Procession:

The PTA is investigating the possibility of running a Lantern Procession through the village to light the bonfire, with lantern kits and lantern making workshops available before hand. If you have any knowledge or interest of Lantern Making (willow and paper to be carried on a stick

- not released) please do get in touch. We know there are many 'crafty' people in Quainton and their advice and expertise would be much appreciated. Please look up 'Stony Stratford Lantern Project' to get an idea of what we are thinking about - but on a much smaller scale!

### Quainton PTA 100 Club

We've had a rough couple of years for fundraising, but we're proud that we've still been able to support the school in meeting a number of their needs. We're continuing to try and raise £3,600 for the new whole school reading scheme. We hope that you will consider supporting the PTA by buying a number in its 100 Club. We have kept the format the same as last year, so it will run for nine months between November and July. You will have the chance to win four cash prizes every month. The prizes are:

1st Prize - £50

2nd Prize - £20

3rd Prize - £10

4th Prize - £5

There is a one-off fee of £18 to buy a number. If you would like to transfer the money to us, please use the reference: 100 Club plus your name. The PTA bank details are: Sort Code 40-52-40, Account no. 00060454. Please also send us an email to alert us that you have transferred the money to ensure we assign your number to you. The first draw will take place in November.

Thank you for taking part! Any queries, please email us: [quainton.pta@gmail.com](mailto:quainton.pta@gmail.com)

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## What's going on at the G&D:

### October Events:

October 10<sup>th</sup>: Quiz Night

October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Harvest Auction, see p.5

October 31<sup>st</sup>: Open Mic Night (tbc) Spooky Ales and Spirits

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## Quanton Beavers, Cubs & Scouts Funday! Sun 24<sup>th</sup> October 1pm



We are holding our Funday Fundraiser on The Green on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 1pm. Please come along and support us, there will be lots of stalls, activities and games to entertain you, and support these amazing young people from our village. Donations for the cake sale and tombola are welcome, please contact Cheryl on 07857 843444.

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### Whitchurch WI October Meeting

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm at St John's Hall, White Horse Lane, Whitchurch.

Topic: Arctic Experience

Speaker: Sarah Dean Kelly

Visitors are welcome

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### Plant A Tree For The Jubilee

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Everyone across the UK is being invited to plant trees from October 2021, when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. **The Queen's green canopy will create a network of individual trees, avenues, copses and whole woodlands in honour of The Queen's service and the legacy she has built.**

This will create a green legacy of its own, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.

#### Quanton – we are taking part!

In the sports field several trees will be planted to enhance the area for residents and wildlife. The Community Heritage Orchard & Wildlife Group will be planting fruit trees in the orchard area. In addition to this, the group will be planting two acers, a horse chestnut, field maple, silver birch, oaks (at least two oaks have 'self-seeded' near the walking path) and a red oak which will be specifically planted in commemoration of the life of Prince Phillip.

Offers of help needed, please contact Claire Lucas [claire.lucasqp@outlook.com](mailto:claire.lucasqp@outlook.com) or Michelle Thompson.

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### New Recycling item

A new addition to drop off at my recycling bins at 13 Winwood Drive: **Medicine blister packs**

A local resident suggested this to me recently and so now I am happy to receive any used medicine blister packs. As a reminder, this is in addition to the bins I already have to collect: Batteries, Specs, Ink Cartridges, used Postage Stamps, Lightbulbs, coffee pods, water filters and bras.

*Jan Stiegeler*

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### **Quainton's Village Store was once an alehouse called 'The Shepherd and Dog'**

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property formerly the Shepherd and Dog, in the tenure of James Anstiss, Victualler, for £70, and split up the garden with hedges, centred on the pond. 'Reserving for John Lee the free use of the water in the pond and also liberty of Eaves dripping of the Southeast side of the Barn'.

In 1833 the Property was bought by Joseph Curtis and a Mortgage dated 1845 states that the 'Property known as the Shepherd and Dog and now converted into and used as two private dwelling Houses and a Shop and Bakehouse occupied by Joseph and Thomas Curtis'.

When Joseph Curtis died in 1899, the property was sold to Frederick George Rose, Baker as "All that Messuage in Church St with the Meal house, Slaughter House, Stabling and Outbuildings - - formerly known as the Shepherd and Dog, and then converted into two dwelling Houses and a Shop and Bakehouse, and secondly All that Butchers Shop and Coachhouse".

In January, 1926, F.G. Rose sold the premises to Arthur Edward Uff who purchased the shop, house, buildings and paddock for the sum of £650, and as can be seen above, the shop doorway was on the end wall facing the Green.

Several owners later, the premises are now in the capable hands of Emma Rainbow and Sarah Thaker – and you can still buy alcoholic beverages there, although not quite in the way that they were sold when it was The Shepherd and Dog!

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## Message from Sue Evans about Quainton Guides:

After 39 years of being very much involved with Guiding in Quainton, I have decided that the time has come to leave. Of course, this has been an extremely sad and difficult decision.

However, I have no such hesitation in thanking everybody in Quainton who has supported me over the years and all the people who have helped me run the Guide unit and the Senior Section, from Val Alcock who was running Guides when I started helping and who encouraged me to train as a leader, to the various ex Guides who returned to help me at various times and the numerous treasurers who exercised considerable skill in keeping the accounts straight. It's impossible to mention all the other people who have helped make it possible but it is important to mention John Knox, Mrs.Celia Prideaux and other members of the Saye and Sele trust who allowed us to use the Saye and Sele Hall for such a reasonable rent even after it was so splendidly refurbished as a result of their hard work to raise the necessary funds.

I would also like to send special thanks to Mike Evans in Waddesdon who, until just recently, helped the Guides to obtain their First Aid Badge, year after year. This was always popular as Mike would show the girls how to make frighteningly realistic wounds. This led to a very unusual interest for a group of Guides joining with Mike as "casualties" in his Casualties Union Group. They gave their time to become casualties to help train emegency services even learning how to pump pretend blood rhythmically from a "wound" to differentiate between arterial and veinous wounds. This is a particular mremory for me of Heloise Bertram who practised this feat with Mike during a Guide meeting.

There is no way for me to say how much the support of the parents over the years has meant to me. I shall miss this as well as the Guides. We have had some wonderful times together from the cycle trips to Ivinghoe Youth Hostel when it was a pleasure to cycle along the quieter back roads, with no end of adventures especially at Mentmore Towers on the way, to the annual camping trips at 'our' wonderful site at Claydon House, our Water Fun Weekends at Longridge and those further afield such as Foxlease, Gilwell house and Brownsea Island. Always parents were there to support us in various ways and frequently helped with transport.

I feel very deeply that I am letting down the present Guides and the Brownies who were to come up in September. However, there would never be a good time to leave. At the moment there are no girls in the unit from Quainton. 50% come from Waddesdon and the others from the surrounding area. The older Brownies are happy to stay at Quainton Brownies with Sue and Sonia, which doesn't surprise me as they are such caring leaders who provide a haven where the girls learn, amongst other important things, respect for each other in the true Guiding spirit.

If the unit closes, hopefully, the present Guides will move to other units, there are plenty in Aylesbury, and there is always Scouts!

Kate, who has been such a great unit helper with the Guides recently, and I wish the present Guides all the best in the future. We shall miss you all.

*Sue Evans*

*N.B. The former Quainton Senior Section Group is now known as the Grendon Underwood District Ranger Unit and although now based in Waddesdon, is open to girls 14 and over from the Grendon Underwood District of Girlguiding. For info on either unit, please contact Sue Evans on 01296 381 655.*

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# Volunteer Recruitment Day

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November 11am-2pm

No booking required – just turn up and meet the team!

Ever thought about volunteering but don't know where to start? Why not try your local heritage railway, right here in Quainton! The list of available roles is plentiful, and we currently need more hands on deck, so this Volunteer Recruitment Day has been set up to allow potential volunteers to meet current volunteers, take a look around the site, see an engine in steam and find out about what we do and how you might be able to lend a hand.

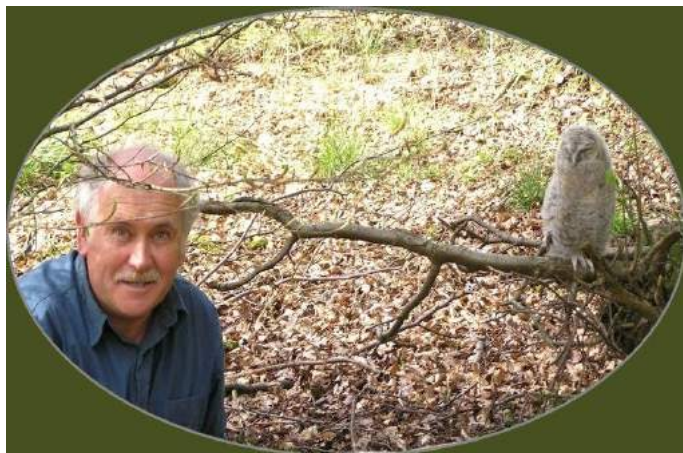
We have a huge variety of volunteer roles and, basically, these roles fit into one of two types:

- **'Behind the Scenes' volunteers** generally come in during the week and help maintain the site and our artefacts whilst we are closed. This could be mowing, mending, strimming hedges and painting fences, or helping maintain or restore steam engines, carriages, railway buildings etc.
- **'Customer Facing' volunteers** are the ones who come in and spend the day with us when we are open to the public on Sundays and other Special Event days throughout the year. These roles range from helping in our second-hand bookshop, cafe or gift shop, and welcoming visitors on the entrance gate, to crewing one of our steam engines, being a guard on the platform or helping to park cars on our especially busy days when we need all hands on deck!

You can come for as long as you want, as often as you want. Some volunteers come several times a week, other comes only when we have a really busy event coming up. Volunteering is supposed to help you as much as it helps us, so you can do as much or as little as you like - we'll appreciate each and every minute of your time you give to us!

To find out more, why not wander down and join us anytime between 11am and 2pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November – the cafe will be open, why not bring a friend! We look forward to welcoming you here. If you have a specific query about volunteering or about this recruitment day, please email us on [office@bucksrailcentre.org](mailto:office@bucksrailcentre.org)





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We are generally closed for December to prepare for Christmas. However, we have two events planned, both are free entry and booking is not required, just turn up. 11am-2pm:

### Wedding Fayre:

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 11am-2pm**

Know someone getting married? Please share!

### Volunteer Recruitment Day, 11am-2pm:

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 11am-2pm**

(See p.21 for more info).



### The Panto Express: December 4/5<sup>th</sup>, 11/12<sup>th</sup>, 18/19/20/21<sup>st</sup>

The Panto Express is coming back to Quainton in December (everything crossed). See Father Christmas whilst in the comfort of your carriage on a steam train and then watch a mini pantomime (Goldilocks and the Three Bears). Tickets will go live soon, follow us on Facebook or see our website for updates: [www.bucksrailcentre.org](http://www.bucksrailcentre.org)

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
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July Event: Northampton Golf Club

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Scratch Cup

1st	Stuart Moffat	79 shots
2nd	Dave Clouting	81
3rd	Adrian Wood	83
4th	Mike York	84
5th	Alan Hughes	85

NSPCC Putter

1st	Joe Ward	42 points
2nd	Keith Payne	41
3rd=	Mike York	34
3rd=	Neil Mack	34
3rd=	John Lucas	34

August Event: The Cotswolds Golf Club

This was the annual Matchplay event of Captain’s (Alan Hughes) team v Vice Captain’s (Terry Curtis) team. It was a tight match with honours even at 4-4 until the last group finished and which saw 2 victories for the Captain’s team to secure a 6-4 win. The results were as follows: -

Alan Hughes lost to Terry Curtis	1 Down
John Lucas beat Sandy Finnie	1 Up
Chris Dowthwaite lost to Steve Barker-Boyd	3&2
Dave Clouting beat Mike Germany	4&2
Dave Payne beat Vince Hemsley	5&4
Dave Fitchett lost to Phil Hughes	2&1
Neil Mack tied with Brian Cuddy	
Bob Eastoe tied with Mark Hughes	
Roger Simms beat Alan Marks	3&2
Keith Payne beat Gus Orchard	1 Up

Our next event is 5 November (a week late this year) at Temple Golf Club near Marlow.

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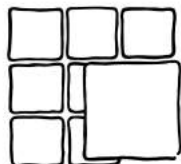
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George & Dragon Meal Voucher: 109 P Moore

## The August Draw

£100	176	Mrs J Bignel	£20	192	Darren Carter
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£25	156	J Hall	£12	98	John Walters
£25	197	Mandy Webb	£10	136	Warren Richards
£25	40	D Warner			

George & Dragon Meal Voucher: 154 Emma Rainbow

October draw Friday 29<sup>th</sup> at George and Dragon, Quainton

## Café-Club Zest August 2021

*Keeping Active - Living well with Dementia*

LETTER FROM STEERING COMMITTEE

Dear All,

It's been a long while since we last met and we've no doubt a difficult period for some. We have lost some very special people during this time and realise our lives have changed substantially.

It feels right to review starting up again, and with that the Zest Committee met recently to discuss the possibility and a way forward for our "Singing for the Brain & afternoon tea". Obviously we would like to gauge your opinions about this and how happy you would be attending. We need time to organise helpers and work around holidays being mindful of any Covid19 precautions/restrictions. If we agree, we believe the earliest date we should get together again would be December 2021, with a special Christmas tea & chat (no singing).

It would be appreciated if you could please respond to me (Linda) either by phone - [01296 641540](tel:01296641540) or email [l.dentith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:l.dentith@yahoo.co.uk) before 25th September 2021, letting us know if you would be happy to attend, or with any views, concerns you might have. Looking forward to hearing from you - stay safe.

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## Ramblings afar from Finemere Wood By Charlotte Karmali, Volunteer Warden

September is a time of great change in Finemere Wood. As the dazzling colours of summer flowers fade, warm autumnal hues take their place. Leaves turn scarlet and gold and gracefully float to the ground. Clusters of berries, deep purples, and reds, are abundant along the hedgerows: blackberries, sloes, haws, and rose hips. Fungi, in shades of orange, yellow and brown take hold.

The volunteers are itching to get hold of saws once more and to move on to the winter work of cutting down trees and shrubs. But the endless summer cutting and raking of grassy rides and glades is not yet complete. This task is an important one as it not only prevents the encroachment of scrub but also keeps competitive plants under control, thus allowing a diverse array of the more delicate wildflowers to flourish year on year.

The scythe, with its long wooden handle (snath) and curved steel blade, is designed for cutting vegetation at ground level. Having been in existence since as far back as 500BC, the scythe only appeared in Europe during the 12th and 13th centuries. Originally used for mowing hay, by the 16th century it had replaced the sickle for reaping crops. It has since been succeeded by lawnmowers, tractors, combine harvesters, and brushcutters.

The imagery of the Grim Reaper with his scythe evolved in the middle ages, at a time of agrarian societies. With his scythe, he reaps those at the end of their lives, just as man reaps the harvest, and thus makes way for new life.

There are a handful of keen scythers amongst the woodland workers. For them, the meditative, peaceful work of mowing with a scythe is far more appealing than wrestling with a relentlessly roaring brushcutter. Gently swishing and swaying through the tall grasses, it is a restorative workout for both the mind and body.

An important tool in the armoury of a conservation worker, the scythe is an efficient and sustainable choice for cutting grass. There is no pollution, no fossil fuels, no noise, and, properly maintained, a scythe will have a far longer lifespan than a machine. Not only that, but scything gives wildlife more time to get out of the way of danger.

I watch the scythers mowing in the golden autumnal sunlight. The ancient meadow and tracks of Finemere Wood seem a fitting place for the rise of the scythe.



**For further information about volunteering opportunities at Finemere Wood, Calvert Jubilee and other BBOWT reserves, please email [volunteering@bbowt.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@bbowt.org.uk)**

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## Averages and Extremes for July & August 2021



Temperature			Rainfall		
Maximum	31.7.2°C	22/7	Total for the 2 months	105mm	
Minimum	6.9°C	28/8	Wettest day	18mm	21/8
Average	12°C		Rain days	24	
Minimum					
Average	22.7°C		Dry days	38	
Maximum					
Highest	15.9°C	19/7			
Minimum					
Lowest	15.7°C	30/8			
Maximum					
Wind			Pressure		
Highest gust	30mph	28/7	Highest	10329hPa	31/8
			Lowest	994hPa	6/7

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**Quainton Village Life Facebook Page:** This is a very active Facebook page for Quainton residents. Photos shared, local history discussed, questions answered, advice given, recommendations, plus lots more! There is also a Quainton Buying & Selling Facebook page.

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## SERVICES AT HOLY CROSS & ST MARY'S CHURCH

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	8:00am	BCP Holy Communion
	10:30am	Café Breakfast Church with Christening
	6:00pm	Memorial Service for those we have loved and lost
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	No morning service	
	6:00pm	Contemporary Worship and Praise Service
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	10:30am	Family Communion
	6:00pm	Harvest Festival
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	No morning service	
	6:00pm	Stewardship Sunday
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	No morning service	
	6:00pm	Healing Service

## PARISH REGISTER ENTRIES

Wedding Blessing	31 <sup>st</sup> July	Fabienne Young and Harrison Pinder
Christening	1 <sup>st</sup> August	Arthur Timothy McGurk
Thanksgiving	11 <sup>th</sup> August	Stephen Brockman

## CHURCH ROTA FOR OCTOBER

	3 October	10 October	17 October	24 October	31 October
<b>Morning Reader</b>					
<b>Morning Sidesman</b>					
<b>Evening Reader</b>					
<b>Evening Sidesman</b>					
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Kathy Blanchard	S Williams	Harvest	Sonja Taylor-Lane	Jayne Williamson
<b>Pedestal Flowers</b>	C Turnbull / Debbie Ormorod	Helen Ratcliffe	Harvest	Jane Lydall	Jane Lydall
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## VILLAGE CALENDAR – OCTOBER 2021

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- 3<sup>rd</sup> October:** Monthly Dog walk, The Green, 1pm, p.13
- 7<sup>th</sup> October:** Alpha Course starts, G&D, p.23
- 10<sup>th</sup> October:** Praise & Worship, 6pm, p.9
- 12<sup>th</sup> October:** QVS Talk, QMH, 7.30pm, p.22
- 14<sup>th</sup> October:** PC meeting, QMH, p.11
- 17<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Festival, Church, 6pm, p.13
- 22<sup>nd</sup> October:** Harvest Auction, G&D, 8.32pm, p.5
- 24<sup>th</sup> October:** Beavers, Cubs & Scouts Fun Day, The Green, 1pm, p.17
- Future dates:** Bonfire Night: 6<sup>th</sup> Nov; Senior Citizens' Christmas Party: 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.

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